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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully submit(s) the items of information on the enclosed Form 1449 for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

This statement should be considered because it is filed within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

Each of the enclosed references is cited on the International Search Report for PCT/FI99/01070 except WO 96/32823, which was cited during the prosecution of the priority application.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant(s) request(s) that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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